

TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING.

Torrance, California.
January 4th, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held this date, was called to order in the offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation by President Proctor, at 8 o'clock P.M.

On motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded the Board adjourned to the new meeting room, the west room in the building situated on Lot 1. Block 2 Torrance Tract. The meeting was called to order by the President.

The following members were present; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a correction made in regard to the salary of the night-watchman, the salary to be \$125.00 per month, to be later increased to \$135.00 per month, upon being corrected same were approved.

Application of James L. King for the position of City Recorder was read and tabled until later in the meeting.

Petition from the property owners on Amapola Street, asking the Board to interveiw the Dominguez Land Corporation in their behalf, regarding the promises made them, as to the paving of Amapola Street, when said property was purchases. Same was tabled to come up later in the meeting.

The Marshal reported that he had a sample of cider, which cider had been sold in the pool-room recently aquired by Mr. Spence. Various people claimed that they had become intoxicated from drinking this cider, same tested 3.7%. He also stated that this pool-room was more or less of a rendezvous for intoxicated people. It was the expression of the Board that an ordinance be drafted to cover the liquor question and that Mr. Spence be notified that same was being drafted.

The Marshal further stated that he was having some trouble in regard to the parking of cars, and ask that an ordinance be drawn to cover the parking of cars. On motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded the subject was refered to the Ordinance Committee to report at the next meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to make application for license for the motot-cycle of the Police Department, the Marshal having advised the Board that the present license had expired.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, duly seconded the matter of making repairs on the doors of the fire station was refered to the Fire Committee, motion carried.

The report of the Recorder for the month of December, showing fines collected in the amount of \$127.50 was read and on motion accepted and ordered placed on file.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that owing to the many rains of late more work than usual had been done on Arlington Avenue, and that he had it in fair shape at this time, but that the condition it had been in was a boost for paving the street. He also stated that the table and chairs had been ordered.

Trustee Stone reported that he had stoppted the Marshal in the placing of the standards in the street intersections near the schaal, he had understood that the standards were to be placed solidly in the pavement, and with-out lights placed thereon at night, the City would be liable for any damages. It was the general opinion that the sch school might be willing to take care of the standards and if so that the Board should have a letter to that effect.

On motion of Trustee Stone, duly seconded the Board recinded its action in regard to the placing of traffic standards at the street intersections near the school house, motion carried.

On motion of Trustee Stone, duly seconded the reconsideration was layed on the table until the next meeting, motion carried.

The question of the dog pond again arose, with the inability to enforce the dog tax ordinance unless some place was had to put stray animals.

On motion of Trustee Stone, duly seconded the Board reconsidered their action in regard to the resignation of Mr. Pruitt as City Recorder, motion carried.

On motion of Trustee Stone, duly seconded the resignation of Mr. Pruitt as City Recorder was accepted to date from January 16th. 1922., motion carried.

On motion of Trustee Stone, duly seconded Mr. James L. King was appointed to fill the office of City Recorder, to take effect on the 16th. of January 1922, at the same salary as now being paid. Motion carried by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor. Noses; None. Absent; None.

All demands against the City having been properly audited were ordered paid by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor. Noses; None. Absent; None.

Statement of salaries due on January 16th in the amount of \$308.16 was presented and ordered paid by the following vote. Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor. Noses; None. Absent; None.

The petition of the property owners along Amapola Street was considered at this time, the Board having no power or authority in the matter owing to the fact that this is not a dedicated street, could take no action. On motion of Trustee Gilbert, duly seconded the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Dominguez Land Corporation regarding same to see if they could take action at this time, motion carried.

Communication of the Building Inspector to Mr. Issac Burkhard in regard to the installation of a gasoline tank, without permit and the erection of an overhead track, which he considered not safe and which he ask to be tested was read. The Inspector was informed that a permit had been granted for the installation of the gasoline tank, and that the track should be tested. On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, duly seconded the Inspector and Attorney were instructed to take action necessary, motion carried.

Ordinance #16. An ordinance establishing the grade on Carson Street, was given its first reading and approved as read.

The width of both Carson Street and Arlington Avenue were discussed, the Engineer thot that a 40 foot roadway would be a nicewidth, it would both handle all traffic and make a better looking street, and in regard to Arlington Avenue in would cut the cost somewhat. Trustee Fitzhugh being a resident on Arlington Avenue stated that he did not think the amount saved to be enough to be considered, he also ask that he be allowed to confer with several of the property owners in this regard before the Board decide on the width.

The Attorney reported on the subject of Assessing and collecting of taxes, and stated that the County can not charge over 1% on the first \$25,000.00 and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% on all over that, and that it would cost the City far more if they did their own assessing and collecting, and with permission of the Board presented Ordinance #17. An ordinance providing for the assessing of property and collection of taxes in and for the City of Torrance by certain officials of the County of Los Angeles. On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh ordinance #17. was approved as read.

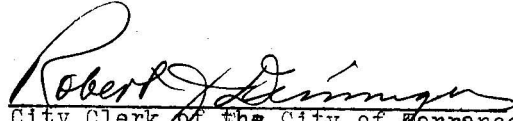
Ordinance #18. An ordinance prohibiting the sale, manufacturing, transportation or possession of intoxicating liquor within the City of Torrance and providing penalties for the violation hereof, was given its first reading, and on motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded was approved as read.

Ordinance #19. An ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance adopting specification No.1. for constructing asphalt pavements, cement curbs and sidewalks, oiled macadam streets, and oiled and graveled roadways in the City of Torrance, was given its first reading, and on motion of Trustee Smith, duly seconded was approved as read.

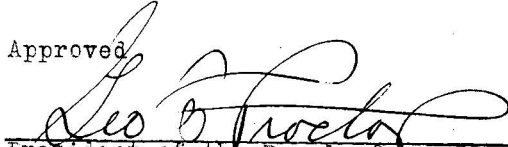
The Attorney stated that he thot it would not be advisable to pass the paving ordinance at this time, on account of the 30 day provision allowed to voters according to law for referendum, on the change of meeting places. He also stated that he expected to receive the tax money for this year from the county, altho the County Board, are afraid that the tax might be declared illegal and that the money collected would have to be returned to the tax payers, if some assurance were given them by this Board that if the money were paid them by the County, and later declared illegal this Board would reimburse the County, their fears might be calmed and the money paid over.

The Clerk was instructed to notify Mrs. O'Leary regarding the registration of voters.

On motion the meeting adjourned.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved


President of the Board of Trustees.
Of the City of Torrance.